

Jasper County Animal Control Board
Public Meeting

January 9, 2017

Board Chair, Rob Cain called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. at the Rensselaer Branch of the Jasper County Library, Rensselaer, IN. Board members present were Rob Cain, Del Cleek, Nancy Shull, Dee Vandervall, and Jerry Furst, Animal Control Staff in attendance: Shelter Director Mark Sinclair, Tricia Curry, and ACO Kelly Sperle. No citizens were in attendance.

The Minutes of previous meeting on December 12, 2016 were emailed. Del moved to approve the minutes as presented, Jerry seconded and the minutes were approved.

Mark gave the Director's report stating that the shelter took in six dogs and cats and adopted out five dogs and nine cats. That was 135 adoptions for the year. There are two dogs and seven cats left over as of January 1st. There is a waiting list for incoming cats, but the dogs have all been taken in. Pet Point is a learn as you go program and they are working it out. There were twenty-nine volunteer hours. Volunteer projects are caught up so have had to turn away some volunteers for now. Mark presented a program at DeMotte Elementary using two dogs and a sixty pound tortoise. Seventy third graders attended. He also did a presentation at Rensselaer for kindergartners. The kids gave \$132 donation (mostly in pennies). Mark introduced Kelly Sperle the new part-time ACO who will help relieve Mark and he stated she is picking up things very well.

Grounds report: Tarps were installed to better protect the dogs. Mark would like to get some gravel brought in eventually for the driveway and parking lot. The county highway department said they would approach Kendal Culp about getting it from their stock.

There were no questions regarding the director's report.

Old Business:

Shelter Day lunch: Del reported that it is set for Wednesday, February 8th at 11:30. She will be sending out invitations to all three commissioners and all the council members. (Invitation attached). This isn't a formal meeting so is not advertised.

Rob reported that he is still researching security cameras. He talked to the IT guy and he wasn't aware of anyone in the area selling systems. SAMS Club has a system but installation is on our own. Mark suggested Best Buy and the Geek Squad.

Mark reported that GoDaddy looks to be the best buy for the website. It includes two e-mail addresses. He will get it taken care of. It costs approximately \$143/year.

Signatures for receipts confirmed. Rob talked to the chief and was told that the State Board of Accounts are cracking down and wants everything signed off on.

Jerry asked about the Pit Bull policy and if we have to take the dogs in if we can't adopt them out. Del said the commissioner's had been sent an e-mail. No response yet. Del will follow up.

New Business:

Rob suggested that to go along with Board of Accounts rules an inventory should be kept of all cleaning, office supplies etc. Maybe do a spreadsheet to track supplies and equipment. Mark asked about donated items. Rob said it would just need to be the items purchased. Del suggested there be a column for donated items to track it separate. Mark said currently they have only asked for vehicles and equipment. There may already be a spreadsheet started.

Citizen Comment Time:

No citizens attended.

Being no further business or announcements, Del moved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. and Nancy seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Del Cleek
Animal Control Board Vice Chair